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**VERIFIED STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE FOREIGN
FILING LICENSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §5.25**

I, Melodi DICE, declare as follows:

1. I am submitting this statement in support of the Petition for Retroactive Foreign Filing License for:

- GB App. No. 9723516.2, filed Nov. 6, 1997;
- GB App. No. 9724190.5, filed Nov. 14, 1997;
- GB App. No. 9724386.9, filed Nov. 18, 1997;
- GB App. No. 9725158.1, filed Nov. 27, 1997;
- GB App. No. 9726147.3, filed Dec. 10, 1997;
- GB App. No. 9800759.4, filed Jan. 14, 1998;
- GB App. No. 9819016.8, filed Sept. 1, 1998; and
- PCT App. No. PCT/IB98/001665, filed Oct. 9, 1998 (collectively, the “**GB Priority and PCT Applications**”).

In addition, to the extent that the foreign filing license granted for the subject matter of U.S. Ser. No. 09/303,518 granted June 9, 1999 is ineffective for the following later filed foreign

patent applications and patents, this statement additionally in support of the Petition for Retroactive Foreign Filing License for:

- BR App. No. PI9813930-4, filed May 4, 2000;
- CA App. No. 2308606, filed May 4, 2000;
- CN Pat. No. CN1263854, filed June 30, 2000;
- EP App. No. 98946675.0 (issued as EP1029052), filed April 28, 2000 (together with national patents issuing therefrom);
- HK App. No. 00105869.7, filed Sept. 19, 2000;
- JP App. No. 2000-520572, filed May 2, 2000;
- MX App. No. PA/a/00/004363, filed May 4, 2000;
- RU App. No. 2000114245 (issued as RU Pat. No. RU223291), filed June 5, 2000;
and
- SG App. No. SG72388, filed April 18, 2000 (collectively, the “**National Phase Foreign Patent Applications**”).
- BR Div. No. PI9816251-9, filed July 31, 2007;
- CN Div. No. 200510113395.7, filed Oct. 17, 2005;
- EP Div. No. 07075379.3 (published as EP1900818), filed May 21, 2007;
- CA Div. No. 2,671,261, filed May 14, 2009;
- HK App. No. 01103903.9 (issued as HK Pat. No. 1033337), filed June 6, 2001;
- JP Div. No. 2005-290551, filed Oct. 3, 2005;
- MX Div. No. MX/a/2009/000817, filed Jan. 21, 2009; and
- RU Div. No. 2004100847, filed Jan. 8, 2004 (collectively, the “**Foreign Divisional Patent Applications**”)

2. During the period when PCT App. No. PCT/IB98/001665, filed Oct. 9, 1998 was entering the national stage, I was responsible for assisting patent attorneys and patent agents at Chiron Corp. with national stage filings. The attorney or agent responsible for managing prosecution of a given PCT application would provide me a list of the countries in which the PCT

was to enter the national stage. I would then prepare, sign and send the national stage letters to the appropriate foreign patent associates. Alisa Harbin was responsible for managing prosecution and provided me the list of countries. I had no involvement with the preparation and filing of the GB Priority and PCT Applications, so I was unaware that a foreign filing license had not been obtained from the USPTO. It was not Chiron Corporation's policy, and is not Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostic, Inc.'s policy, to review the patent family to determine whether a foreign filing license in the US was required and, if so, whether a foreign filing license was obtained when entering the national phase from a foreign filed PCT application.

3. Since I had no involvement with the preparation and filing of the GB Priority and PCT Applications, I was unaware that a foreign filing license had not been obtained from the USPTO. Further, I had no knowledge of, or reason to believe that, any of the work upon which the above patent and patent application were based was performed in the United States when I instructed the foreign associates to file the following foreign national stage patent applications: BR App. No. PI9813930-4, filed May 4, 2000; CA App. No. 2308606, filed May 4, 2000; CN Pat. No. CN1263854, filed June 30, 2000; EP App. No. 98946675.0 (issued as EP1029052), filed April 28, 2000; HK App. 00105869.7, filed Sept. 19, 2000; HK Publ. No. CN1286727, filed June 6, 2001; JP App. No. 2000-520572, filed May 2, 2000; MX App. No. PA/a/00/004363, filed May 4, 2000; RU App. No. 2000114245 (issued as RU Pat. No. RU223291), filed June 5, 2000; and SG App. No. SG72388, filed April 18, 2000. Thus, if the foreign filing license previously granted for U.S. Ser. No. 09/303,518 is ineffective for any of the foreign national stage patent applications, I was not aware that a foreign filing license might be required for the United States for the filing of any of the foreign national stage patent applications or that an effective foreign filing license had not been obtained from the USPTO.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and

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that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above patent and patent application or any patent issued thereon.

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